

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

APRIL 30, 1919

The meeting was held in the Morphological Laboratory of the New York Botanical Garden. Vice-President Barnhart called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. There were fifteen persons present.

The minutes of February 26, March 11, March 25 and April 8 were read and approved. Mrs. Britton, Chairman of the Program Committee made a report. She also asked for authority to call a special meeting on Tuesday, May 15, at 3:30 P.M., to be held at the Mansion of the New York Botanical Garden in cooperation with the Wild Flower Preservation Society of America in order to organize a local chapter and have the Club become an associate member, as *TORREYA* has already been authorized as the organ of the Wild Flower Preservation Society. On motion of Professor Harper the Program Committee was instructed to call a special meeting.

Dr. Howe moved to instruct the Treasurer to donate to the University of Louvain through Columbia University such of the Club's publications as are available.

Mrs. Britton exhibited a plant of *Sisyrhynchium bermudiana*, grown at the New York Botanical Garden from a plant collected in Bermuda, and called attention to the fact that the color had a definite tone, much less blue than any of our native species.

The announced scientific program consisted of a paper on "The Scrophulariaceae of the Local Flora," by Dr. F. W. Pennell. An abstract furnished by the speaker follows:

An account was given of the species of Scrophulariaceae occurring within the local flora range of the Torrey and of the Philadelphia Botanical Clubs. Comment was made of specific characteristics and of distribution. Within this area there are native: 40 species belonging to 19 genera; introduced: 24 species belonging to 7 genera—in all 64 species and 22 genera.

A key proposing a more evolutionary sequence of genera was here first presented. This with a summary of the species it is proposed to publish in forthcoming numbers of *TORREYA*. Specimens were shown illustrating all species of the area.

MAY 13, 1919

The Club met at the American Museum of Natural History. President Richards called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M. There were twenty persons present.

Dr. F. W. Pennell, chairman of the Field Committee, discussed the proposal to announce a joint field excursion with the Philadelphia Botanical Club to Farmingdale, N. J., on May 30. He proposed to make the excursion a one-day trip with the provision that anyone wishing to stay over could do so. The motion to adopt this suggestion was carried.

President Richards announced that the 90th birthday of Capt. J. Donnell Smith would occur in the near future. Dr. Pennell moved to appoint a committee to write a letter of felicitation to Capt. Smith, expressing the Club's appreciation of the memorable work he has done in advancing the knowledge of plants. The President appointed Dr. N. L. Britton, Dr. R. A. Harper and Dr. M. A. Howe, members of the committee to draw up this letter.

No other business was transacted.

Dr. Isaac Levin gave the lecture of the evening, "Neoplastic Diseases (Cancer) in the Animal and vegetable Kingdoms." The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides.

Adjournment followed.

B. O. DODGE,
Secretary.

NEWS ITEMS

Dr. D. S. Johnson of Johns Hopkins University, accompanied by three of his students, has just returned from Jamaica. Collections for morphological work were made in the Blue Mountain region and in Liguanea Plains.

W. H. Blanchard wishes his botanical friends and correspondents to know that, owing to the development of cataracts on both eyes, his botanical work seems at an end. Mr. Blanchard was a frequent contributor to the American botanical press from 1902 to 1911, most of his published work relating to the genus *Rubus* as it occurs in eastern North America; his summary of